

Two Letters sent from *Amsterdam*, and read in both Houses of Parliament the 11. of this present *June*; Discovering to the Parliament, what courses are there taken for the raising of Ammunition to be sent to the North: With the List of the particulars of the Ammunition.

I Cannot learn that any Jewels more are pawned, then I have formerly expressed, neither of the sale of any Jewels, save divers Collers of Pearls, part of the Proceed is remitted for London, a large sum having been offered me by the party above mentioned; and I take the rest will be employed in Warlike Munition, expressed in the enclosed note which I have drawn out of the Originall Commission, which Hand was well known to me, all must be speedily furnished, and if for the presumed service, it is not like the disempers there will be appeased without shedding blood, which God avert. I do purpose to lay wait in what ships the said Munition will be laden, which shall be advised, if you do think fit to give any notice hereof to the Parliament. I pray you let my name be concealed (*pour diuter le tiltre despion*) although I do with Zeal and Order affect the good Cause, yet would I not willingly be seen in this manner, in writing hereof. I understand by an eyewitnesse, that all the Jewels are brought here again to be pawned; and amongst them the great Coller of Rubies fetcht from *Hamborough*: Also the three Brethren 4. or 5 very great Diamonds, with divers more, but no money to be had thereupon in this place, as the partie employed therein doth tell me; so it is like some will be staked, untill the Munition for Warre shall be satisfied, whereof I have heard an Inklin. I did see M. Webster measuring or looking upon a Morter to shoot fire-balls, of the wideness or breadth of the enclosed thread, weighing 4800 l. I hope England will have no need of such Tormenta Bellica, which I believe have not been used there in any Age. M. J. Webster doth hasten exceedingly with all these things; the Pistols I understand are provided.

From *Amsterdam* 12 *June* new stile, 2 *June* old stile.

To *John Beauchampe* Marchant of *London*,

For the Cloth Trade at present, I would advise you to write to him wholly, not to buy in a piece at present, although he pretends loosing his Workemen, or the like: for the loosing his Workmen, I doubt at this time moneys is not so rise in that Countrey, and men so forward to buy that. I thinke little feare, but that if he turnes off or leaves buying, his Workmen will be glad to come againe at more settled times, and it may be sell better Cheap; therefore above all excuses, as the state stands, write him absolutely not to take off any untill further advises; for if things go badly there, and come to pillaging or destruction, you should have all the Cloth he had in the House to be reckoned to be your Cloth. I feare a storme to arise in the North, and I see it dayly grow blacker and darker, for store of moneys is made over to be sent thither, witnesse the rising of the Exchange here so suddenly: And at present here is Order to buy store of Pistolls for Horsemen, and Powder, and neere upon 20 Brasse-peecees to be sent for the North-parts, But the Order is not from the Parliament.

- 4 Pieces of Battery, of 18 l. Bullet.
- 1 Piece carrying 8 l. Bullet.
- 6 Field-pieces, carrying 6 l. Bullet.

- 1 Piece carrying 12 l. Bullet.
- 2 Culverings, carrying 8 l. Bullet.
- 2 Morter-pieces for Granadoes.

100 Barrells of Powder.  
2000 pair of Pistolls, ready provided.  
1000 Carrabins.  
3000 Saddles.

Bullets, Ladles, Spunges, Carrages, Harnesse for draught Horses.

The Morter-peecees are a foot and halfe in Diameter at the mouth (mettall and all) shooting Granadoes of 11 or 12 inches.

Die Lunæ 13 Junii, 1642.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That these Letters and List of Ammunition shall be forthwith printed and published.  
Jo: Browne Cler: Parliamentorum.